



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Koichi TADA**

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Serial No.: **09/642,886**

Group Art Unit: **2653**

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Examiner: **Bach Q. VUONG**

For: **APPARATUS FOR RECORDING/REPRODUCING SIGNAL ON/FROM OPTICAL DISK**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 11, 2003

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 11, 2003.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-5; and Group (II), Claims 6-9.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-5 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension, or any other additional fees required in connection with this response, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen G. Adrian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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